



SYNOPSIS

House Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 22, 2016
Schedule 7**

PLEASE NOTE: January 26 – Bill request deadline.
February 12 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills must be given to the Chief Clerk by 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, February 11.
As required by House Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the House Rules and Executive Nominations Committee.

HOUSE BILLS INTRODUCED JANUARY 22, 2016

HB 205 Carroll County Delegation

CARROLL COUNTY – PUBLIC FACILITIES BONDS

Authorizing and empowering the County Commissioners of Carroll County, from time to time, to borrow not more than \$31,000,000 in order to finance the construction, improvement, or development of specified public facilities in Carroll County, including water and sewer projects, to finance loans for fire or emergency-related equipment, buildings, and other facilities of volunteer fire departments in the County, and to effect such borrowing by the issuance and sale at public or private sale of its general obligation bonds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

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HB 206 Delegates Mautz and Adams**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – TALBOT COUNTY – CHESAPEAKE BAY MARITIME MUSEUM**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Governors of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum, located in Talbot County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 207 Delegate Barron, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY – THE ARC OF PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of The Arc of Prince George’s County, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of The Arc of Prince George’s County building, located in Prince George’s County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 208 Delegates Mautz and Adams**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – TALBOT COUNTY – PHILLIPS WHARF AQUACULTURE JOBS TRAINING CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$250,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Phillips Wharf Environmental Center, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Phillips Wharf Aquaculture Jobs Training Center, located in Talbot County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 209 Delegate Krebs, et al**EDUCATION – STATE GRANT TO COUNTIES WITH DECLINING STUDENT ENROLLMENT**

Establishing eligibility for a county board of education to receive a specified State grant; requiring a specified grant to be provided to eligible county boards in fiscal years 2017 and 2018; declaring the intent of the General Assembly; requiring the Governor to transfer specified funds for fiscal year 2017 to eligible counties in a specified year under specified circumstances; and requiring specified funds to be provided in a specified fiscal year if specified funds are not transferred.

This bill requires a mandated appropriation in the annual budget bill.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

ED, § 5-202(i) - amended

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 210 Delegate Stein, et al**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE COUNTY – JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTER OF BALTIMORE – GORDON CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$100,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Jewish Community Center of Baltimore, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Gordon Center for the Performing Arts, located in Baltimore County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Appropriations

HB 211 Delegate Healey, et al

NEONICOTINOID PESTICIDES – LABELING, SIGNAGE, AND RESTRICTIONS ON SALES AND USE (POLLINATOR PROTECTION ACT OF 2016)

Prohibiting a person from selling at retail in the State specified seeds, material, and plants that have been treated with a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the seeds, material, and plants bear a label with, or are in close proximity to a sign that prominently displays, a specified statement; prohibiting a person from selling at retail in the State, on or after January 1, 2017, a neonicotinoid pesticide unless the person also sells a restricted use pesticide; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

AG, §§ 5-2A-01 and 5-2A-02 - added

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 212 Delegate Turner, et al

VEHICLE LAWS – USE OF HANDHELD TELEPHONE WHILE DRIVING – INCREASED PENALTIES

Increasing the maximum fines from \$75 to \$150 for an initial violation, from \$125 to \$250 for a second offense and for a third or subsequent offense the maximum fine is increased from \$175 to \$350 for violations of the prohibitions against using a handheld telephone while driving a motor vehicle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-1124.2(e)(1) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 213 Delegate C. Howard

MOTOR VEHICLES – AGGRESSIVE DRIVING

Reducing, from three to two, the number of specified offenses that a person must commit at the same time or during a single and continuous period of driving that constitutes aggressive driving; and increasing the maximum criminal fine for aggressive driving to \$1,000.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, §§ 21-901.2 and 27-101(g) - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 214 Delegate Lafferty, et al**VEHICLE LAWS – PASSING BICYCLES, PERSONAL MOBILITY DEVICES, OR MOTOR SCOOTERS**

Repealing an exception to a requirement that a driver overtake and pass a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter in a specified manner that applies when a highway lacks sufficient width; requiring a driver who passes a bicycle, an EPAMD, or a motor scooter in accordance with a specified provision of law to pass at a reasonable or prudent speed that is safe for existing weather, road, and vehicular or pedestrian traffic conditions and does not endanger, impede, or interfere with the bicycle, EPAMD, motor scooter or other traffic; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

TR, § 21-1209 - amended

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

HB 215 Delegate K. Young, et al**MARYLAND STATE SONG – REVISION**

Revising the state song based on select verses from the poems “Maryland! My Maryland!”, written by James Ryder Randall in 1861 and “Maryland, My Maryland”, written by John T. White in 1894.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 7-318 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 216 Delegate Sample–Hughes, et al**PUBLIC HEALTH – PREVENTIVE MEDICAL CARE – CONSENT BY MINORS**

Altering a specified provision of law to provide that treatment to which a minor may consent includes medical care related to prevention of or advice about sexually transmitted infection and disease.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

HG, § 20-102 - amended

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 217 Delegate Krebs, et al**OPEN MEETINGS ACT – REQUIREMENTS FOR PROVIDING AGENDAS**

Requiring a public body to provide an agenda containing specified information if the agenda has been determined at the time a public body gives notice of the meeting or, if an agenda has not been determined at the time of the meeting notice, the public body shall provide the agenda at least 24 hours before the meeting; and authorizing a public body to provide an agenda within a reasonable time after a meeting is held under specified circumstances.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

GP, § 3-302.1 - added

Assigned to: Health and Government Operations

HB 218 Delegates B. Wilson and Rosenberg**COURTS – EVIDENCE OF PRIOR SEXUAL OFFENSE – ADMISSIBILITY**

Prohibiting, in a prosecution for a specified sexual offense, the court from barring the introduction of specified evidence that the defendant committed a prior sexual offense on the ground that the admission is unfairly prejudicial unless the court makes a specified finding; prohibiting a State's Attorney from introducing specified evidence under specified circumstances; prohibiting specified evidence from being disclosed to a jury or introduced at trial unless the court has held a specified hearing; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CJ, § 10-923 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 219 Delegate Aumann, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – HUMAN TRAFFICKING – ADULT VICTIM – PENALTY**

Making the crime of human trafficking in a case in which the victim of the crime is an adult a felony, rather than a misdemeanor; and making a conforming change.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 11-303 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 220 Delegate Barron, et al**CRIMINAL PROCEDURE – PARTIAL EXPUNGEMENT**

Authorizing a person to file a petition for a partial expungement of specified criminal records under specified circumstances; requiring a court to order that specified records may not be included on a specified Web site or within specified records; repealing a provision of law establishing that if a person is not entitled to expungement of one charge or conviction in a specified unit the person is not entitled to expungement of any other charge or conviction in the unit; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CP, § 10-105 - amended and § 10-107 - repealed

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 221 Delegate Carter, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS – WHISTLEBLOWER PROTECTIONS**

Prohibiting a supervisor, an appointing authority, and the head of a law enforcement agency from threatening or taking specified retaliatory actions against a specified law enforcement officer under specified circumstances; authorizing a law enforcement officer aggrieved by a specified violation of the Act to file a civil action against a specified law enforcement agency for specified relief; authorizing that, instead of specified relief, the law enforcement officer may seek specified statutory damages; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 3-801 through 3-806 - added

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 222 Delegate West, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – ASSAULT IN THE SECOND DEGREE – EDUCATORS**

Prohibiting a person from intentionally causing physical injury to another if the person knows or has reason to know that the other is an educator; and providing penalties for violation of the Act of imprisonment not to exceed 10 years or a maximum fine of \$5,000 or both.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 3-203 - amended

Assigned to: Judiciary

HB 223 Delegates West and Barron**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – ELECTION**

Proposing amendments to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; requiring Senate confirmation of individuals appointed by the Governor to the office of judge of a circuit court; providing for contested elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of judge of a circuit court under specified circumstances; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3 and 5 - repealed and added and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 224 Delegates Kramer and Hill**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – ELECTION**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution relating to the selection and tenure of circuit court judges; altering the method of filling vacancies in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for retention elections following an appointment to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of a circuit court; providing for a transitional period under which the terms of specified amendments are to become effective; submitting the amendment to the qualified voters of the State for their adoption or rejection; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 3, 5, 5A, and 11 - amended and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 225 Delegate C. Howard**ELECTION LAW – WRITE-IN CANDIDATES**

Providing that a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office in a primary election is not eligible to file a certificate of candidacy as a write-in candidate for that office at the next succeeding general election; and providing that a candidate who is defeated for the nomination for a public office at a primary election may not be a write-in candidate for that office at the next succeeding general election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, §§ 5-704 and 5-706 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 226 Delegates Mautz and Adams**TALBOT COUNTY – BOARD OF EDUCATION – STUDENT MEMBERS**

Increasing the number of student members of the Talbot County Board of Education from one member to two members; requiring that one student member be a student from St. Michaels High School and one student member be a student from Easton High School in Talbot County; and making specified conforming changes.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, §§ 3-12A-01(a) and (h) and 3-12A-06 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means

HB 227 Delegate Hixson, et al**INCOME TAX SUBTRACTION MODIFICATION – RETIREMENT INCOME OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, FIRE, RESCUE, AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL**

Providing a subtraction modification under the Maryland income tax under specified circumstances for specified retirement income attributable to a resident's employment as a law enforcement officer or the individual's service as fire, rescue, or emergency services personnel; and applying the Act to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

TG, § 10-209 - amended

Assigned to: Ways and Means